

resilient metal, [said graft having a pair of opposed free ends, said spring attached to one of said free ends of said graft].

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

M. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 wherein [said graft has a pair of opposed free ends, said spring connected to one of said free ends,] the region of said graft proximate to one of said springs [said spring] having a diameter greater than the diameter of the portion of said graft spaced from that spring.

Please amend Paim 15 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 [wherein said spring is attached to one of two opposed free ends of said graft, said graft having a greater diameter on the end connected to said spring than on said end spaced from said spring], said graft tapering in diameter from an [said] end connected to a [said] spring to a reduced diameter and having a relatively constant diameter over a portion of the remainder of the graft.

Please cancel claims 16 and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Five Times Amended) A vascular prosthesis for repairing a diseased first vessel comprising:

a <u>pair of</u> folded, resilient, annular [spring] <u>springs</u>

<u>each</u> having a first pair of loops extending in one direction and
a second pair of loops extending in the opposite direction, said
first and second pairs of loops connected together, and

a tubular graft connected to <u>each</u> [said] spring, wherein said tubular graft has a pair of free ends, [one of said

free ends being more resilient than the other of said free ends] said annular springs being connected to each of said free ends.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

(Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein said tubular graft has a diameter less than the undeformed diameter of one of said annular [spring] springs.

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

24. (Amended) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein <u>one of</u> said annular [spring] <u>springs</u> is formed by a plurality of strands of resilient wire having a substantially common central axis.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

25. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 24 wherein one of said [spring] springs is circular in cross-section when undeformed.

Please cancel claims 26 and 27 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 52 to 53:

9-52. A prosthesis comprising:

a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and a ring comprising a bundle of overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring secured to said graft adjacent one of said free ends thereof.--

bending diameter of said ring is less than that of a solid ring of the same dimensions.--